

3) USING E-JOURNALS AND E-BOOKS

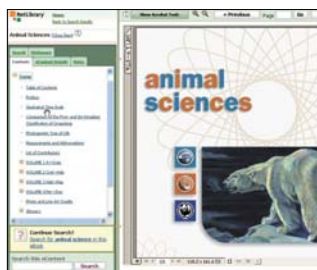
E-journals and e-books are documents in electronic format that can be consulted online. They provide full-text access to the contents of a given article or book, typically through the homepage of the publisher or an online database.



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E-JOURNAL PORTAL

<http://www.lib.u-tokyo.ac.jp/ext/ejportal/>



On-campus access

This portal site gives access to e-journals available at the University of Tokyo, including free e-journal collections and journals embedded within certain databases. Search for a given publication using its title, and then click on a database name to access the publication. From there, a new search can be performed to find specific articles.

Notes: Materials not listed on OPAC may still be available in electronic format.

※ Full-text access from outside the campus is available for titles marked as “Free”.

Database of electronic journals available in the University of Tokyo

http://ejournal.dl.itc.u-tokyo.ac.jp/index_e.html



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eBook (netLibrary)



<http://www.netlibrary.com/>

Search e-books by author, title, subject or full-text keywords, and view the contents on your computer screen. Some materials are available in Japanese.

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<http://www.lib.u-tokyo.ac.jp/kashiwa/eBook.html>

Please read the note on e-book services posted on the homepage of the Kashiwa Library (Japanese only).

Japanese books are also available in electronic format!

Aozora Collection (<http://www.aozora.gr.jp/>)

This service, operated by volunteers, provides access to the electronic version of Japanese books whose copyrights have expired, including works by novelist Akutagawa Ryunosuke.

Digital Library from the Meiji Era (<http://kindai.ndl.go.jp/index.html>)

Provided by the National Diet Library, this database contains digital image records of books printed during the Meiji and Taisho periods. The collection includes books whose copyrights have expired, as well as materials whose rights were acquired by the NDL.

4) NOTE ON CONVENTIONAL SEARCH ENGINES

The Internet can give you access to an enormous amount of information, but keep in mind that conventional search engines such as Yahoo! or Google encounter a number of limits :

● Search engines do not cover all the available information

For example, they do not provide access to the contents of databases subject to subscription, such as the ones available through the university network. It is important to become familiar with the types of databases available and the way they function.

● Search engines are not always the fastest or most efficient way to access information

Assessing the credibility or relevance of information gathered through conventional search engines takes time. Specialized databases give you quick access to reliable information, and guarantee a more efficient search process in the long run.

● Search results are not ranked impartially

For a number of reasons, search results are not necessarily listed according to their actual degree of importance or relevance. Specialized databases generally do not let commercial factors interfere with the results.

IRI (Index to Resources on the Internet) (Japanese only)



Available off-campus

http://resource.lib.u-tokyo.ac.jp/iri/url_search.cgi

This website provides a carefully selected list of Internet resources that provide academic-level information.